

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~stricken through~~ or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for glue-binding a bundle of paper to form a book, booklet, or similar bound bundle of paper, comprising the steps of ~~by using~~ providing a band ~~[[(3)]]~~ to be glued to the spine of the bundle ~~[[(2)]]~~, and which extends for a limited distance to the sides of the bundle, and which is ~~intended~~ adapted to shape the bundle ~~[[(2)]]~~ and secure it using the ~~said~~ glue, **characterized by the steps of placing a sheet-like tool under the band, the tool extending a distance on at least one side of the bundle to lie on top of a nipping beam disposed in an area outside of the side edge of the band, in that the turning** ~~[[of]]~~ that part of the band ~~[[(3)]]~~, which extends over the spine~~[[,]]~~ to the side of the bundle, ~~is ensured~~ by ~~using a~~ moving the nipping beam towards the bundle, whereby the nipping beam causes the tool to raise the side edge of the band without crumpling the band, and removing the shaped bundle from the tool such as a sheet (4), under the band (3), which extends sufficiently to lie on top of the nipping beam (5), already in the area outside of the edge of the band.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** ~~[[a]]~~ the tool (4) is used, which is formed from a bent bendable sheet ~~[[(4)]]~~ of paper or plastic, which retains its shape well.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 2, **characterized** in that the tool sheet (4) is positioned beneath the band ~~[[(3)]]~~ on ~~the~~ a table ~~[[(6)]]~~ of ~~the~~ a hot-gluing device, ~~in such a way that the edge of the sheet facing the side nipping beam, is on top of the beam (5), or in a position that can be brought on top of it, which is outside of the edge of the band (3).~~

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to any of the above Claims, **characterized** in that the tool has two opposing edges, one such edge lying on top of the nipping beam ~~a sheet (4) of paper, plastic, or similar material is used,~~ the other such edge ~~of which is essentially at the location of the edge of the abutting a support [[(1)]].~~

5-9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) A method for glue-binding a bundle of paper to form a book, booklet, or similar bound bundle of paper, comprising the steps of :

- (a) providing a gluing device having a nipping table and at least one nipping beam which is moveable with respect to the nipping table;
- (b) providing a bundle of paper having a spine and opposing sides;
- (c) placing a band adapted to be glued to and shape the bundle, adjacent the spine, the band extending a predetermined distance to the sides of the bundle, the nipping beam being disposed in an area outside of the side edge of the band;
- (d) disposing a sheet-like tool over the nipping table and under the band, the tool extending a predetermined distance beyond at least one side of the bundle so that it lies above of the nipping beam, the tool is constructed of a bendable, shape retaining material,
- (e) moving the nipping beam towards the bundle, whereby the nipping beam slidably engages the tool and causes it to raise the side edge of the band without crumpling the band, and whereby the nipping beam turns that part of the band, which extends over the spine to the side of the bundle; and
- (f) removing the shaped bundle from the tool.